

From: audrey patterson
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/22/03 11:28PM
Subject: fair, accurate news reporting

The Federal Communications Commission is currently considering a proposal to abandon many of the regulations concerning media ownership in the United States. The proposed changes would affect everything from television to radio to newspapers, and would fundamentally reshape the nation's media structure at the local and the national level. Basically it will concentrate control of the nation's media into the hands of a few corporations. These corporations will decide what is newsworthy, and what isn't. So anything that is critical of them or the people they like won't get reported. And people like me who are just "regular, non-important" citizens will not have a chance to make our voices heard, or to get any coverage of issues that are important to us. So all I'm saying is, please, keep the media fair and accurate.

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xoxo

audrey

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To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/23/03 10:50PM
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Date: 1/29/03 10:11PM
Subject: FCC don't allow media monopolies

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From: Christina Wilts
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/28/03 11:24AM
Subject: FCC Regulations

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

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Washington, D.C. 20554

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Christina Wilts

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From: Joanna Henderson
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/28/03 1:13PM
Subject: FCC rules changes

Dear Chairman Powell,

We have just become aware of the proposal for rule changes in your department which would give unprecedented power to a few corporations to control the media in this country. The restrictions on how many media outlets one corporation can own, nationally and locally, should be maintained. This is in the best interest of the public which, in a Democracy such as ours, deserves to have diversity of access to information. We are not a totalitarian regime. We **do** not need to have the flow of information controlled by a handful of people. Reports which focus on the economic impact do not take this important aspect into consideration. Please do not grant monopolistic powers which will not serve the people of this country.

sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. S. Henderson
Oregon, **USA**

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From: sue doolen
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/27/03 2:26PM
Subject: fcc rules governing ownership of the media

Dear Mr. Powell:

I urge the FCC to oppose relaxation of the current rules of ownership regarding media sources, so that our country will continue to have diversity of ownership, rather than concentration of ownership in a few corporations. Our freedom to know all opinions and have full knowledge is at stake.

Sincerely,

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From: Aaron StripMall SideShow
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/30/03 2:48AM
Subject: FCC's relaxation of regulations prohibiting consolidation

I write to you as a member of the voting public, as well as someone who has worked in the music industry. The FCC's relaxation of regulations prohibiting consolidation is an enormous disappointment.

The consolidation of radio station ownership, coupled with the increase in barriers to small community radio stations, has reduced the quality of radio. It has also had an enormously deleterious effect on the music industry. Most importantly, it harms the free flow of ideas that forms the bedrock of our culture.

Aaron Gates

From: Moody
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/19/03 9:04PM
Subject: Freedom of Press..

Michael K. Powell

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street. **SW**
Washington. D.C. 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am writing to tell you of my opposition to the proposed changes by your agency to the current Media Ownership Rules.

The proposed conglomeration of media into the hands of the few and wealthy corporations does NOT align with our 1st ammendment, which states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." I believe this also gives the public a right, in some sense or another, to decide whether or not they want a few people to decide what the media considers "newsworthy".

These changes also appear to contradict the very concepts of democracy. If we wanted a media run by one entity, we could always follow the fine example of old communist Russia, in which the corrupt government decided what the public needed to hear, and killed or imprisoned all who opposed.

In closing, I would like to say that I very much love the **USA**, and the last thing I want is for it to become another totalitarian nation. Please consider my request, and those of concerned Americans everywhere. in the upcoming decision.

Respectfully yours,

Brian Moody

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From: Karen Eicher
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/29/03 10:41 PM
Subject: Further deregulation is not the answer

Dear Mr. Powell,

I have heard that the FCC is considering further deregulation with will make it easier for monster corporations like Clear Channel to own more stations, newspapers and other media outlets.

I'm 43 years old and totally disgusted with radio today. The same 10 songs are replayed over and over for weeks, if not months. There are artists that are selling millions of albums, yet do not get any spins on Clear Channel stations because they are either not paying them enough, or touring with companies other then the Clear Channel owned SFX. Hooray for Free Enterprise.

New music is being spread around on the internet because radio won't take chances. A perfect example of this is John Mayer. I heard buzz about him on message boards months before radio would even start to play his songs.

Rumors are rampant that payola is the norm now for record companies to get Clear Channel to play their artists. I remember in the 1970's, DJ's were fined &/or kicked off the radio for doing this. One of the high members of CC was removed from his position because rumor had it he'd angered too many record companies.

In this day and age with the Enron's and other corporations and their executives being accused of underhanded dealings, do we really need to create a situation that will enable more corporate greed to fester?

The media of the United States of America were once considered superior to all other countries because of the checks and balances made to keep it unbiased. Deregulation has eliminated that in a huge way.

Please disregard corporate pressure and stop the further baslardization of how American's get their entertainment and news.

From: Paul Smith
To: Mike Powell
Date: 1/14/03 7:07PM
Subject: Hearing on new rules regarding media ownership

Dear Mr. Powell:

I am very concerned about preserving diversity in media. Recent proposals to remove restrictions on the ownership of multiple media sources in one market threaten the integrity of our democratic process. Recent media coverage of our government's drive towards war already displays an alarming lack of diversity. Please do not accelerate this process through approval of the new rules.

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From: anniebluepoet@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: 1/29/03 10:21AM
Subject: I oppose media concentration!

Commissioner Michael J. Copps:

Before the
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In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
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I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate, or even attempt to demonstrate, the negative effects that media deregulation and consolidation have had on the diversity of our media. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented has been severely limited.

The right to conduct an informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was renewed in the marketplace of diverse ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge and consolidate further, our ability to have an open, informed discussion from a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

I urge the FCC to preserve the public interest by keeping the media ownership rules in question intact.

Also, I support the FCC's plan to hold a public hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA in February of 2003. I strongly encourage the Commission to hold similar hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public. The rarified, lawyerly atmosphere of an FCC rulemaking is not an appropriate decision-making venue when questions as profound as the freedom of our media are at stake. I encourage the Commissioners to come out and meet some of the people who do not have a financial interest in this issue, but a social interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is important that the Commission take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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